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Applicants: T.J. Hiblar et al. Attorney Docket No.: BSCO115539
Application No.: 09/829,486 Group Art Unit: 3743
Filed: April 9, 2001 Examiner: K.P. Odland
Title: COMPRESSIBLE ATHERECTOMY BURR

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

December 10, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
|--------------------|---|---|------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Total Claims | 14 | - | 26 | = 0 x 18 = | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | - | 5 | = 0 x 86 = | 0 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$0 |

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 31, 2003, set to expire on November 30, 2003, be extended by 1 month, to expire on December 31, 2003. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$110.00.

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C. Fees

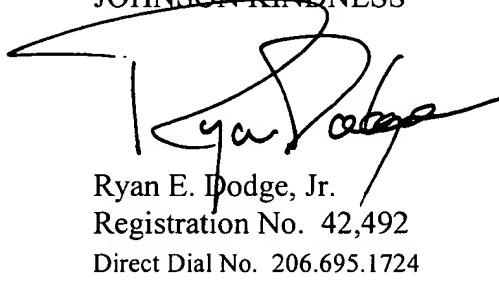
Enclosed is our Check No. 152370 in the amount of \$110.00 for the one-month extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

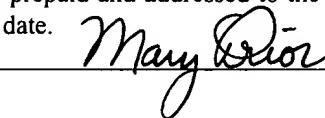
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